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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a customer of a local telcom/isp provider for the past 18 years, 2 different locations/companies. I'm so grateful the have had the choice that so many others do not get and I certainly do not want to give it up. The service is competitive, the employees are local, and decisions are made by people that are familiar with our community. Customer service is here, and not somewhere not familiar with where I live, and the service is provided. I do not believe handing more business to bloated companies would serve me. I also know that our local provider has been able to help expand fiber in the area a mono-telecom wouldn't invest in, and that the competition my supplier provides in the area calls the mono-telecom to work harder. This is good for us! PLEASE, please, do not take away my choices!!!

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